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## Awe of nature

Neil Briggs and his granddaughter, Gwen, observed the collection of paintings, all featuring brightly coloured animals, patterns, and messages at *The Muse, Under the Thin Blue Line* by Bob Omar Tunnoch running at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until Dec. 20. "There's a lot of hidden meanings behind these works," said Briggs. Admission is by donation. For more information, go to [www.mindenhill.ca](http://www.mindenhill.ca). See more photos on page 13. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

# CUPE workers back in schools

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**  
*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

Students at Trillium Lakelands district schools were provided asynchronous work on Monday to get through a labour dispute

that affected schools, but schools are now back open.

Premier Doug Ford offered to start the wheels going toward repealing Bill 28, the Keeping Students in Class Act, legislation designed to make the labour disruption illegal. Government used Section 33 of the

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, called the Notwithstanding Clause.

The caveat was that legislation would be scrapped if the Canadian Union of Public Employees tore down their picket lines and returned to negotiations. They walked off the job Nov. 4 in protest of Bill 28.

The union represents the board's secretaries, clerks, computer technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, and educational assistants.

As of Haliburton Echo press time, Trillium Lakelands District School Board

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## 45 years of Minden's Horticultural Society

Past presidents of the Minden & District Horticultural Society were recognized at the 45th anniversary annual general meeting and party on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Minden Community Centre. The event featured past photos, speeches by long-time members, and refreshments. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Elizabeth Carol and current Minden & District Horticultural Society president Connie Walker cut the cake.



Pat Campbell, left, and Elizabeth Carol, founding members of Minden & District Horticultural Society, shared stories of their years of experience with the group

# Contract negotiations to continue

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announced CUPE workers have returned to schools as of Tuesday, Nov. 8, and in-person classes resume.

Many school boards throughout the province had their students learning by way of online classroom platforms (Google Classroom, Brightspace, Seesaw) on Monday, Nov. 7. It harkens back to the early shut-down days of the

COVID-19 pandemic.

Schools lended available technology to student who don't have access to a computer, said Wes Hahn, the board's director of education.

The union's wage proposal was an increase of \$3.25 per hour each year in a three-year collective agreement. Government offered 2.5 per cent wage increases for workers who earn less than \$43,000 a year and an increase of 1.5

per cent for people who earn more.

Hahn said the school board couldn't safely operate schools without the union's workers there for students.

"It is important to note that other school boards across the province may have different or fewer employee groups as part of CUPE and, therefore, would be able to keep their schools open," he said.

Ford said during a press conference on Nov. 7 that the Keeping Students in Class Act could be rescinded if the union ended the labour disruption and returned to work while negotiations resumed.

"We're willing to make a fair deal," the premier said. "One that offers more help for lower income workers. We want a deal that's fair for students, fair for workers, fair for parents, and fair for taxpayers."

"We know we can get there." He said a deal with CUPE has impacts on broader public service salaries as well as the government's ability to invest in services.

"These are complex discussions, especially given the economic climate we're in," Ford said. "Record high inflation, economic uncertainty, cost of living challenges that every family is facing."

One union member who didn't want her name used said it's that economic climate and financial uncertainty that adds to the need for more reasonable wages.

"Try making the ends meet when you're getting \$40,000 a year," she said.

Bill Campbell is president of CUPE Local 997, which has members at schools in Haliburton County. He said there's much jubilation on the local picket lines and a lot of support in the community.

"There's a lot of people honking their horns," he said. "There's a lot of support here. There's grandparents holding CUPE signs. It's really cool."

Campbell said it's early days in the labour disruption and there's no telling when there'll be an end in sight.

For updates, visit [www.tldsbc.ca/labour-updates/](http://www.tldsbc.ca/labour-updates/).

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# Santa's coming to Minden's Christmas in the Village

by JERELYN CRADEN  
Special to the Times

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa's coming to Minden on Saturday, Nov. 19, and you won't want to miss him! The magic starts at 11 a.m. as Christmas floats parade from the Arena parking lot to Bobcaygeon Road through Minden's downtown and finishing at the Township municipal parking lot. The Pipes and Drums of Lindsay will fill visitors' eyes and ears with excitement, colour and festive sounds setting up the arrival of Santa Claus on the final float in the parade.

From there, it's onto Christmas in the Village at the Minden Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, where people will gather for a full-on old-fashioned pre-Christmas experience.

Shannon Kelly, manager of Cultural Services, Township of Minden Hills, helped fill in the picture. "Staff and volunteers will be decorating the heritage village on Dec. 3 with Christmas lights, wreaths and ornaments. Santa will be there when the parade ends, so children can bring their Christmas lists and visit with him. There will also be a mailbox set up where kids can leave their Christmas letter that will be mailed after the event."

Running from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the fully decorated Christmas in the Village – with anticipated attendance of 500 visitors – offers a festive cornucopia of historic homes, a colourful outdoor Artisan's Christmas Market with fifteen vendors, home baked goods made and sold by volunteers at historic Bowron House, an old-fashioned candy shop in another historic home, plus free hot chocolate and apple cider for all to enjoy.

And, it doesn't stop there.

The whole family can have fun exploring the unique hand-made items at the outdoor Artisan's Christmas Market, sure to inspire those as-yet-to-be-gotten special Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

Among this year's fifteen local artisans is Celine Duguay who will be selling wood-turned bowls, platters, Christmas ornaments, lidded boxes, and salt and pepper mills.

Laura Walker will display and sell her driftwood/sea glass and pebble art.

And, first-time vendor at Christmas in the Village, Mary Ann Gonneau, whose business she calls, The Backyard Bear, will offer her popular upcycled mittens, as well as hand-



The Artisans' Christmas Market will be part of this year's Christmas in the Village event at the Minden Cultural Centre on Saturday, Nov. 19. /Photo submitted

painted farm animals and wildlife portraits on driftwood and Christmas tree bulbs.

"I buy old interesting looking sweaters," Gonneau said, "many that your granny might have but that you would never wear, and I cut out around the designs and make one-of-a-kind mittens." She also sells hand-painted Christmas cards, gift tags and bookmarks using found materials.

With the magic of Christmas soon to fill our minds and hearts, Minden's Christmas in the Village at the Minden



Mary Ann Gonneau, owner of the Backyard Bear, offers upcycled mittens and hand-painted items and will be at the Artisans' Christmas Market for the first time.

Cultural Centre is an experience created to inspire the community by bringing people together in the spirit of joy and goodwill to all.

For more information, visit: [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) or call 705-286-1260, ext. 542.

To inquire about joining the parade with an additional float, contact Tanya at [tbudgen@mindenhills.ca](mailto:tbudgen@mindenhills.ca).

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Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [mindenhills.ca/council/](http://mindenhills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our website at [mindenhills.ca/council/](http://mindenhills.ca/council/). Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

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## MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

The Muse, Under the Thin Blue Line, a new exhibit by Bob Tunnoch will be on display November 1 – December 20 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Meet the artist at the opening reception on November 5 from 1-3 pm. The gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information call 705-286-3763 x 542 or email [culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca](mailto:culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca).

## CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Christmas in the Village at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is being held on Saturday, November 19 from 11 am – 3 pm. Bring your Christmas list and visit with Santa after the parade! Tour the heritage village decorated for Christmas, explore the Artisan Market featuring local artists, try some tasty baked goods and visit the old-fashioned candy shop. Admission is by donation. For more information call 705-286-3763 x 542 or email [culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca](mailto:culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Come join our team! Current employment opportunities: Cultural Program Coordinator  
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## SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The Minden Santa Claus parade is taking place on Saturday, November 19, starting at 11 am in the Arena parking lot. The parade follows Parkside Street, continues south on Bobcaygeon Road, finishing at the Township municipal parking lot off St. Germain Street. Floats are still needed for the parade! Contact Tanya at 705-286-1260 x 551 or [tbudgen@scugog.ca](mailto:tbudgen@scugog.ca) if you would like to participate..

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## letters to the editor

# Stop privatization of our public health care rally

To the Editor,

Today, we stand with all Ontarians to fight for our publicly funded health care system. It is of paramount importance in our current health care crisis that we promote awareness about the Ford government's plan to privatize clinics, hospitals and diagnostic testing as a way of avoiding dealing with the crisis. They are making a political choice not to support our public hospitals and to direct funding to private for-profit corporations and to privatize our public hospital service, instead.

Communities have spent years building local, public hospitals and services. Citizens have donated personally, and through payroll deductions, taxes, and volunteering, together they built their local public hospitals. Ford's plan would take the profitable services out of our local public hospitals. The Ontario Health Coalition discovered that private clinics are billing OHIP (Ontario Health Insurance Plan) and also patients. Canadians saw first-hand what the for-profit industry has done to our LTC (long term care) homes. We cannot let them do the same thing to our hospitals. For-profit care costs more, decreases quality of care, provides unequal access, and limits democracy.

In February, Health Minister Christine Elliott was quoted as saying they would "let independent health facilities operate private hospitals and we are opening up paediatric surgeries and cancer screening clinics." This was quickly denied. On Aug. 18, the new Ontario Health Minister, Sylvia Jones, said Doug Ford's government will work with private health clinics to find "more opportunities for private companies." The public has a right to honesty from our government. We need leaders, not misleaders.

The Private Hospitals Act was created in Ontario to ban private hospitals 50 years ago. It grandfathered existing private hospitals and bans



Signs were given out at the Ontario Health Coalition rally at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Many health coalitions across Ontario held rallies to voice their concerns about the provincial government's choices about health care facilities in Ontario. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

future ones and expansion of existing ones. There are currently two private hospitals in existence that provide surgeries: Shouldice Hospital and Don Mills Surgical Centre.

Privatizing our public hospitals and failing to address the staffing crisis in them are twin issues. The provincial government has chosen to underfund and downsize our public hospitals. Some operating rooms have been closed for weeks, months, and permanently. Ontario has the fewest hospital beds of any province and funds our hospitals at the lowest rate in the country. This is a political choice, not a necessity. A massive provincial government-led campaign must happen to recruit back staff who have left due to burn-out and remove barriers to them coming back. Workload and safety issues must be addressed. Agency staffing must be banned. Bill 124 must

be repealed. The government won't control the price gouging by private staffing. They said they would fast-track credentials for international staff, but the numbers are very small. Instead, they have dramatically increased funding for private for-profit clinics.

Privatization is taking over home care and long-term care. 30,000 beds have been given to for-profit long-term care homes, many who had the highest number of deaths in the pandemic. Bill 7, More Beds, Better Care Act, discriminates against seniors, forcing them to go to LTC homes, without consent, up to 70 kilometres away, not of their choice and charging \$400 a day if they refuse. This places an impossible stress and burden on patients and families. They are charging ALC (alternate level of care) patients who remain in hospital, not needing acute care, with no LTC

home to go to due to excessive wait lists.

During the pandemic, the government has chosen to underspend its health care and COVID emergency budgets. They are purposefully understating the most recent data, which shows they exaggerated the deficit by a \$15 billion difference. Ontario has a \$2.1 billion surplus, while in the financial year ending Mar. 31, they under-spent their health care projections by \$1.8 billion.

Data from the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario, which reviews Ontario's fiscal reporting and reports to the Ontario legislature, shows the government doubled the funding for independent health facilities in the final quarter of the last fiscal year, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2022, more than \$13.6 million in the months leading into the provincial election.

Our Coalition has expressed extreme concerns about privatization in a recent meeting with Carolyn Plummer CEO, HHHS and Chair David O'Brien. Will private clinics: Draw staff away from Haliburton County who may be attracted by better pay and working hours? Affect publicly funded clinics? Force closing of one of our local hospitals?

We urge you to please write MPP Laurie Scott, Minister of Health Jones, and Premier Ford, put a privatization sign on your property, and write letters to the editors to make your concerns known at all levels.

These are desperate times and as citizens we need to take a stand.

For more information, please email [hhlccoalition@gmail.com](mailto:hhlccoalition@gmail.com) or call Bonnie Roe 705-457-6579.

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## Of humbug, Jim Reeves, and how it's suggested it should be

**A** THOUGHT OR two about Christmas.  
I hear readers protesting: Jeez, can't we get a little more beyond Halloween before talk of Christmas?

I get it. But, the shopping centres, the big box store bastions to everything you'd want, they didn't wait. It gets earlier every year for them, it seems.

And, that's kind of what this is about.

Music is big in my life, and there are associations to certain songs that'll never fade. The song that played at a loved one's wake, maybe a day before the funeral. The music in the background, beneath the stories told about them.

The song to which you danced with "The One" at a graduation of some sort. Rites of passage.

*An Old Christmas Card*, the carol sung by Jim Reeves. Apparently, he sang many other songs, but I'll always only know him for 12 yuletide tunes. Actually, the name of the album is *Twelve Songs of Christmas*.

The song *An Old Christmas Card* always brings me back to my parents' house, the smell of a real Christmas tree tied to a corner of the room, lights bounced off cheesy streamers criss-crossing the ceiling. You know the ones: They're shiny and of punched shapes. My brothers and I would get into Dad's scotch when he and Mom were 10 toes up in bed. Just little nips nicked from the bottle in the cupboard beneath the kitchen sink. Or, we'd smuggle a beer to share in the basement rec room. Curious teens, we were.

Kids do such things that don't matter. Not like the feeling brought to the fore by Reeves' song about an old Christmas card in a dusty old attic trunk.

A lyric: "Guess I'm always sentimental 'round this time."

The lyrics tell of a simple card that means so much to the singer. A first Christmas together. Nothing spectacular, save for a feeling stoked by a simple

paper card.

Have we, as a society, gotten away from being able to be buoyed by the simplicity of a card, a memory? Write the editor, dear reader, and share a Christmas memory with all of us. It'll be a welcome change from the chagrin that's paramount in these times.

I'll go first:

My oldest daughter, Emily-Grace. I wasn't married to her mother when she was conceived. And, I was married a scant few months when she was born. I was among the hapless lads told by people with earnest voices that one must step up and do what's right. So I thought I did.



**JAMES MATTHEWS**  
LJI Reporter

Barely out of my teens, I was slinging pizza dough and whatever toppings would stick to it as a means to pay the bills. Minimum wage in Newfoundland then was maybe \$6 an hour. Emily was, like, nine or 10 months old her first Christmas. I felt like such a mutt, not able to clot the bottom of the Christmas tree with rows of wrapped toys like I felt my baby girl deserved.

I said as much to one of the waitresses who worked with me. A girl I knew from high school. It was Newfoundland: Everybody knows everybody, kind of thing.

She said something like, "You know what? Your little girl is going to love anything her mom and dad gives her because you're her mommy and daddy."

The marriage died a terrible death. Emily still lives in the Arctic and she loves her old man. And I never forgot those words gifted to a new father before a first Christmas.

Kind of like a song's old Christmas card in an old dusty trunk so many years later.

Anybody else feel we've veered into something unintended and unfavourable, so far away from the value of a simple card, what was once an uncomplicated season?

## Kwarky



"Keep wearing the masks no matter what the public mandate. Strikes are up 20%."

## Bin there, done that

**L**IKE MANY hunters and anglers, when it comes to hunting and fishing gear, I have a lot. I actually have so much that you could probably do a two-part episode of *Hoarders* on my fly fishing and fly-tying collection alone. Then, there is the bow hunting gear, arrows, broadheads, field points, duck and turkey hunting stuff, upland bird hunting equipment, block and tackles, shooting accessories, binoculars, trail cameras, camping gear, reloading equipment, sharpening tools, knives, decoy carving tools, ice fishing rods, reels, tackle, and electronics, as well as the camo and hunter orange clothing, waders, footwear, and game calls for pretty well every occasion. I believe, if Ontario opened up a special season for lassoing ostriches, somewhere in my collection, there is gear specifically designed for the task.

Perhaps understandably, Jenn doesn't understand why I need all this gear. That's why she asks me silly questions like, "How many camouflaged hats do you need?" The answer, of course, is at least 56.

The reason is, we hunters are not at all like your run of the mill clothe horses who often get rid of their perfectly good clothes merely because they are no longer trendy. That's because our hunting apparel never goes out of style, mostly because it was never in style in the first place. This is why you will never see hunters in camouflaged or hunter orange coats with padded shoulders. Or balloon pant waders.

That's why, over the course of a hunting or angling lifetime, we collect stuff and rarely get rid of it. This is good for the first decade or so, but eventually it becomes

an issue, even with the most patient of spouses.

Your first clue will be when they calmly say, "Don't bother to call the police. I found my car in the garage. It was under your duck hunting gear."

Or, "Don't make any sudden loud noises in the basement. We don't want another avalanche in the fishing section."

When you get subtle hints like this, it is probably time to consider a little organization. I reached this point years ago and started buying big plastic stackable storage bins so that I could organize my hunting and fishing gear and put them away neatly in the furnace room.

These are ideal for storing all your gear for whatever season in one place. For instance, you might have on big bin for all your upland hunting footwear, and another for your hunting and fishing wading gear. Add to that one for your duck hunting parkas, another for your knife sharpening tools, and

maybe one for your trail cameras or fly boxes. The point is, if you use these bins correctly and label them, you will be able to find everything you need prior to the season you need them for – and you will be able to put them all away neatly so that you do not look like a crazy hoarder.

This makes life easier for both you and your spouse. And, it will also allow you to know what you actually have and determine what you actually need. (For instance, I suspect you could probably get away with less than 20 camo hats).

That's why I have at least 20 big storage bins in my basement as we speak. And you know, as soon as I find them, I'm going to start organizing.



**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# A merry-go-round of scams

Hey, Beverley J. Karl@aliciablong05@gmail.com.

I am emailing to let you know that I am returning your nose. I found it sniffing around my business the other day, looking for ways to relieve me of some hard-earned money.

It arrived in an email informing me that you are restoring my non-existent personal computer protection services. And, you are processing an annual charge of \$389.95 from the updated payment fund source (whatever that might be).

You also suggested that I telephone you with any questions I might have.

Sorry sweetie, but I won't be calling you, or Amy Heil or Alice Reinert (who want me to do some Interac money transfers), or any of the thousands of scammers driving thousands of decent people to distraction every day with scam emails, messages and telephone calls.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

Scamming is becoming more prevalent during these times of hyper-inflation, political uncertainty and international crises. There is some evidence that scamming grows during difficult times, and the COVID-19 pandemic certainly provided scammers good opportunities to take advantage of people who have been isolated and living with uncertainty.

Canada's federal government received 107,000 reports of scams and fraud in 2021. A total of 68,000 victims were reported to have been taken for \$332 million.

Those numbers likely are low because many people are reluctant to report having been scammed.

In the U.S., 59 million Americans reported losing money to telephone scams in 2021, a 22-per-cent increase over the previous year. The financial losses totalled \$29.8 billion.

Those figures come from TrueCaller, a call identification application.

Email scamming also has increased to become a favourite of fraudsters trying to steal your money. Email scams are designed to instill a sense of urgency to respond and play on emotions already heightened by anxieties over what's happening in the world.

Statista, a German data company, said that almost one-half of the 300-plus billion emails sent and received every day are spam. Most come from the U.S., which produces 8.6 billion scam emails every day, followed by China with 8.5 billion and Russia with 8.0 billion.

Brazil, India and Germany also are major sources of scam email.

Not surprisingly, social media is where more scam artists are going to do their dirty work. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that one in four victims of fraud last year said it started on social media with a post, an ad or some kind of message.

The FTC says that close to 100,000 people reported about \$770 million in losses initiated on social media platforms in 2021. That's an eighteen-fold increase over losses reported in 2017.

Scammers love social media for several reasons. It allows them to reach billions of people around the globe at little cost.

They easily create fake identities, or hack existing identities, and fine tune them with details people reveal about themselves on social media.

Bogus investment opportunities have become a leading scam, particularly involving cryptocurrency and the promise of huge returns that turn out to be big, fat zeroes and huge losses.

Romance scams also have become big. One-third of people who lost money to online romance scams last year said it all started on Facebook or Instagram with a friend request from a stranger, followed by sweet talk, and eventually, a request for money.

Another big one is online shopping. Various statistics show that 45 per cent of money lost to social media scams in 2021 involved online shopping, most often through Facebook and Instagram. Fake ads and lookalike websites were used to get people to order and pay for goods that were never delivered.

Put together, investment, romance, and online shopping scams accounted for more than 70 per cent of reported losses to social media fraud in 2021.

Our governments talk a lot about how we should protect ourselves from scammers. Talk is cheap and easy. We need government to get more directly involved in fighting online and telephone scamming.

Yes, individuals have a responsibility to look after themselves, but we need government to provide better legislation and more enforcement to stop scammers from taking our money and generally driving us crazy.



Morning fog is illuminated by the sunrise in a hay field in Minden. /Submitted by Guenter Horst

## It's that time of year again

### Winter driving safety tips

With winter conditions just around the corner, the Central Region Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) wish to share some winter driving tips to help motorists navigate the roadways when the snow starts falling:

Winter tires. Having winter tires can improve traction in frost, snow, and icy conditions, and shorten the braking distance of your vehicle.

Plan-ahead and check the weather forecast before heading out. If there are adverse weather conditions, delay your trip if possible. You can use Ontario 511 to check road conditions here: Ontario 511 (511on.ca), twitter: @511Ontario.

Properly clean the ice and snow from your windows, lights, mirrors, and roof. This will assist with visibility, as well as help avoid having ice and debris falling off your vehicle.

Drive according to the conditions. Many collisions on our roadways occur because drivers are travelling too fast for the road conditions.

Turn off the cruise control on wet, snowy, or icy pavement. It can reduce your reaction time and vehicle control.

Steer gently on curves and slippery conditions. Hard braking, quick acceleration, and sudden gear changes can cause you to skid.

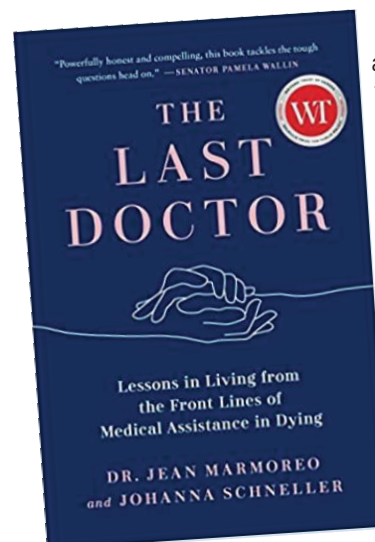
Give other vehicles room. It can take vehicles longer to stop in slippery conditions, so be sure to leave adequate room between you and other vehicles.

Have an emergency kit in your vehicle that includes warm clothing, a shovel, booster cables, high energy foods, flashlight, matches and a candle.

Be prepared for the unexpected. Give yourself some extra time if possible and remember, road safety is everyone's responsibility. If you know any drivers that may be new to driving in winter conditions, share this information with them, and help give them the driving advantage this winter season. It could save a life.

*Submitted by Ontario Provincial Police*

## HCPL's Book of the Week



Dr. Jean Marmoreo spent her career keeping people alive. But when the Supreme Court of Canada gave the green light to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in 2016, she became one of a small group of doctors who chose to immediately train themselves in this new field. Over the course of a single year, Marmoreo learns about end-of-life practices in bustling Toronto hospitals, in hospices, and in the facilities of smaller communities. She found that the needed services were often minimal – or non-existent.

At a time when end-of-life care and its quality are more in the public eye than ever before, *The Last Doctor* provides an accessibly personal, deeply humane, and authoritative guide through this difficult subject.

Available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.



# Minden Legion is a community hub

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**  
*Times Staff*

Along the warm wooden walls of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 in Minden, there are a series of framed accolades, accumulated over the years. There are certificates for hospice support, water wells in Guatemala, Trillium Foundation acknowledgements, and evidence of Minden Santa Claus Parade involvement.

These certificates are dispersed amidst photos of veterans, badges of honour, and flags of the past. The facility presents like a museum, with community members contributing paintings, historical documents, and models of vintage airplanes.

The Minden Legion hosts 310 members currently, and is largely run by volunteers. Every year, they take a deep dive into the Poppy Campaign, which allows for legion members and local cadets to head into the community and disperse poppies in preparation for Remembrance Day. The donations from the campaign go directly back into the local community. “We get requests that come in for support,” said Ralf Hennig, the Poppy Campaign chair and the current Veterans Service Officer at the Minden Branch, as well as a local veteran of 31 years. “Based on the request, we can provide that support, for both the veterans, and their families.”

In the past, the campaign has donated over \$10,000 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services for their IV pumps, service dogs for post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and a variety of medical equipment and services to veterans and their families in the area.

The time of year when poppies are donned on every passing lapel may seem like the time that the legion is the most prevalent in the community, but in reality, it never stops. “We are able to keep giving back over the course of the year,” said Hennig.

Beyond the financial contributions back to Minden Hills, Branch 636 keeps its doors open on a regular basis to host events such as euchre, cribbage, darts, bingo, karaoke, and more. It truly is a hub for the region with hot food, great experiences, and community support.

Yet, these events are not just social time. There is something about the environment of the legion that’s different from a standard bar. There’s character, history, stories, and personality. The walls are scattered with the photos of faces who over the years called Minden home before they went off to war. Framed by a doorway is a 1918 Ceasefire Order, donated by Betty Milford, whose father, Norman Klinck, carried the order in the trenches at Vimy Ridge. This act earned him the “military medal” for bravery. At the back of the room, there is a table set up for two, with candles, a single rose, salt on the plates, and dotted with poppies. Every year, the legion showcases this place setting; a table put aside for those who either did not come back from war, or came back completely changed. The space is surrounded by stories.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 of Minden is a destination. A place to learn about the history of the community, to socialize with locals, to sing songs on the good days together,



Tristan Humphries, 12, of Carnarvon sold poppies as a part of the 2022 Poppy Campaign, which runs for the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Day. All proceeds from the campaign goes to the local legions to support the community. /Photo submitted by Joleen Thomas

and support one another on the days to remember. It is a place of solidarity, support, and lessons from over the years.

For more information on Branch 636 of Minden, go to them out at “Minden Legion Branch 636” on Facebook, or call 705-286-4541.

Emily Austin-Ward, left, and Taliah Dumas-Stephenson of Minden stand at the Minden Cenotaph during the 2022 Poppy Campaign done in collaboration with the Minden Legion. “I like meeting people while doing this,” said Austin-Ward, “it’s so nice to see how many people are wearing poppies in our community.” **EMILY STONEHOUSE** Staff



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# HHSS students actively engage in Remembrance Day

by JAMES MATTHEWS  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students have taken an active role in remembering Canada's fallen soldiers and their sacrifices.

The local high school will have a pair of assemblies for students as part of observing Remembrance Day on Nov. 11. The gatherings will include an historical piece, some dramatic and musical performances, the Haliburton County Honour Roll, and the obligatory laying of wreaths in memory of soldiers who died fighting in our county's wars.

Students in Grades 9 and 12 will take in the first assembly, while Grades 10 and 11 students will fill out the audience for the following assembly.

Paul Longo, a history teacher at the school, said student involvement is the best teaching tool.

"We try to get as much student involvement as possible in the assembly," he said. "We try to build an assembly that's mostly student-driven with student performances and student work. That's the goal."

A leadership student at the school will be tapped to host the assemblies.

The national anthem will open the event before historical accounts of Canada's involvement in the last century's armed conflicts will be read. And, in keeping with student involvement in learning, the school's drama class will perform.

"They usually come up with all kinds of stuff," Longo said. "It could be a skit. It could be monologues. It could be music. And it could be all three of those things."

Students in the school's media arts class will also contribute something to further make the assemblies come alive.

"We have a 20-minute video that we've made up about the Haliburton County Honour Roll," Longo said.

That's the names listed at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, the county's sons who died in the First World War and the Second World War.

Longo said they digitized the service files of the local fallen and those are used in conjunction with the Canadian Virtual War Memorial.

"We put a pretty cool thing together there," he said.

The assembly will culminate with wreaths laid in memory and *Last Post* played.

"We put a lot of time and effort into it," Longo said.

And, that time and effort is an effective learning tool. Student involvement makes an impression deeper than words read or heard.

"Over the years, I've learned the more the kids take control of this and own it, then the more valuable it is for everybody," Longo said.



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School mixed grade guitar class students performed at the high school's Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. /FILE photo



Margaret Skinner, left, Andrew Carmount stand in silence at the high school's Remembrance Day ceremony in 2017.

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# A time to remember

by KATE BUTLER  
Special to the Times

For some, history is seen as series of numbers and dates, but those numbers and dates only truly gain their meaning when linked to human stories. At this time of year, we cast our thoughts to the impacts and legacies of the First World War and the Second World War, but, their scope often feels beyond comprehension. We may know that the First World War began in the summer of 1914 and lasted nearly four and a half years, but can you truly wrap your mind around the fact that over 650,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders served, or the fact that over 66,000 of them lost their lives? In the Second World War, a conflict of some six years, well over one million individuals from Canada and Newfoundland served and over 44,000 didn't return home. That doesn't even begin to touch on the numbers of those who were wounded or suffered lasting physical and psychological impacts in the years following the conflicts.

Some numbers might seem quite small, but still evoke strong emotions, such as the ages of those who went overseas. I remember being struck when looking at the birthdates of some of the veterans from the Haliburton area who served in the First World War. Despite training and then serving in some of the most infamous battles of the war, such as Vimy Ridge, some of these men, such as Wesley Baker of West Guilford, were still only twenty years old by the time the war ended.

Other numbers that hit home include 109, the number of the battalion which trained in Haliburton to serve in the First World War. Yes, there's the fact that its number pointed to the existence of so many other battalions with so many other men, but in addition, once the battalion went overseas in 1916, the men were reassigned to other battalions, such as the 20th Toronto Battalion and the 21st Kingston Battalion. These reassignments happened to fill gaps which had been left by the loss of men. It's difficult to imagine the emotions that must have stirred for the men of the 109th, not only to be separated from the men with whom they had trained and built a camaraderie over a number of months, but to know that that they were now needed to fill a gap and why that

gap existed. Each one of those men also had a story.

Some numbers are just especially poignant. For instance, the number of one, for John McGrath, who was the first person from the village of Kinmount to lose his life in the Second World War. Though Kinmount may be outside of Haliburton County, John's mother Phyllis Clarke had grown up in Haliburton, so the family was still strongly tied to the village. A gunner in the Royal Canadian Artillery, McGrath was just 23 years old when he was killed in July of 1944. Photos taken before he headed overseas in 1941 show him proudly posing with his mother and aunt, possibly in Haliburton Village. Those around him appear to be putting on a brave face, but they must have been feeling such turmoil inside.

The impacts of war on the home front were far reaching. In addition to the stress and worry for loved ones overseas, there was also the question of how to best make a difference from a distance. A peek into the pages of the Minden Echo and Haliburton County Recorder (as it was known at the time) from May of 1942, starts to give us some idea of the contributions local residents made. We know that the Women's War Workers' Committee was meeting in Haliburton regularly at that time, and the committee was making decisions about how best to spend funds that they had raised in support of the war effort. \$25 was to be sent to the War Victims Fund, and the same amount to both the Russian Relief Fund and the Red Cross Hospital. These amounts may seem small to us today, but when one accounts for inflation, each donation amounts to over \$400 in today's funds. The fundraising had been completed through community events, such as euchre evenings and rummage sales, which makes it all the more remarkable. It really speaks to the desire of community members to help in any way they could and their awareness of the larger global impact of the war. Individual donations were also mentioned in the newspaper, including one for \$5 from Dorothy Clarke, who was likely thinking about her nephews serving overseas.

We also know of the work of the Haliburton Red Cross during war time. The women of the Red Cross spent the winter of 1941 to 1942 busily knitting a staggering number of items to be sent overseas. Some of the items enumerated in the pages of the Echo include hundreds of pairs of

socks and gloves, numerous scarves, caps and even quilts. Thoughts turned not only to those who were serving overseas, but also to young civilians impacted by the war, as shipments included children's dresses and boys' suits. It was a time during which individuals, faced with a conflict of staggering proportions, chose to find their own way to make a difference, even if that was simply with one hand-knitted item after another which they hoped would keep someone warm.

At Remembrance Day, it's easy to be overwhelmed by numbers, but there is huge value in looking at individual stories to bring the conflict into perspective. Each person who served overseas or contributed on the home front had their own hopes and dreams, as well as their own fears. Though time may distance us from the conflicts of the First World War and the Second World War, we can still connect to those from the past at a very personal level and we should try to, not only at Remembrance Day, but throughout the year. Lest we forget.



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Richard George Bailey is one of those honoured in the Service, Courage, and Sacrifice display created by Bark Lake Cultural Developments at the Irondale historic church. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



## Service, Courage, and Sacrifice at historic Irondale church

The sun shone bright for the opening day of Irondale's latest project. Service, Courage, and Sacrifice is an impressive display of over 40 flags, flying proudly on the lawn of the historic church at 1019 Elm Road. Each flag represents an individual that has served our great country in some fashion during a war, and has a tie to Irondale.

There is plenty to see inside the heritage church, as well. There are lots of display items to study, including uniforms worn by some of the same people represented on a flag.

The Bark Lake Cultural Developments board thanks the Haliburton County

Development Corporation, Minden Rotary Club, and the various family members for their support in making this idea a reality.

What will your reaction be when you visit? Early visitors' remarks were, "Such a wonderful display," "Brought tears to my eyes when I viewed the flags," and "what a thoughtful project."

Service, Courage and Sacrifice runs daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Nov. 5 to Nov. 13. If you need more information or directions, please call 705-457-8438.

*Submitted*



Inside the Irondale church, historic newspaper clippings and other artifacts are on display for the Service, Courage, and Sacrifice project created by Bark Lake Cultural Developments. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

# Remembrance Day services

### Haliburton Legion:

Friday, November 11  
9:30 a.m.

Short pre-service is being held by the Legion's padre, Gary Swagerman, in the main hall at the legion

10 a.m. (post service)

Sponsors to pick up their wreath if walking in the parade, otherwise wreath will be at Cenotaph

10:30 am

Parade from the Haliburton Legion to the Cenotaph at 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m. Cenotaph program

12 p.m. Light refreshments in the Legion's main hall.

Any person or organization wishing to lay a Remembrance Day wreath, please contact the branch at 705-457-2571. Cost to sponsor a wreath is \$35 (no name) or \$50 (name on wreath). Note, this year we are offering sponsors the option to walk in the parade with their wreath, or your wreath will be at the Cenotaph

### Minden Legion:

The Service will commence at 10:45 a.m. with the Act of Remembrance and reading of the County Honour Roll at 11 a.m. followed by the Wreath Laying ceremony and closing remarks.

### Wilberforce Legion:

The service will commence Friday, Nov. 11 at the Cenotaph at approximately 10:45 a.m.

There will be a hot lunch provided at the Branch after the service.

### Kinmount

Service at the cenotaph on Friday Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

### Gooderham

Service at the cenotaph on Friday Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

### Gelert

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In *Middlemarch*, George Eliot's novel published 151 years ago, Dorothea, the nerdy ward of her Uncle Brook of Tipton, said, "I think we deserve to be beaten out of our beautiful houses with a scourge of small cords – all of us who let tenants live in such sties as we see around us. Life in cottages might be happier than ours, if they were real houses fit for human beings from whom we expect duties and affection." Dorothea is not able to convince her uncle to undertake reforms: "fancy-farming", he calls it, "the most expensive sort of whistle you can buy."

That would set a dangerous precedent among the gentry – men of privilege must hold the line against the rising tide of despair and disrespect for the established way, even if it means that some people have nice houses, some people have nasty houses, and some people have none.

When Dorothea becomes a widow with significant means, she engages a gifted farm manager to develop a planned community on her property, one that combines proper housing, a productive pottery industry, educational opportunities and other necessary amenities.

Alas, even she does not have enough money to do it properly. She walks away from her fortune for the love of a good man, Ladislaw.

He walks away from a job propping up Dorothea's uncle who is ambivalently seeking election on a platform to hopefully extinguish the rising threat of revolution: the memory of tumbrils in French streets is but a century old. Ladislaw becomes a politician of the new variety, a man of the people, for the people.

*Middlemarch* does not extend to describing his success in addressing inequity in any of its manifestations. But since similar inequity is distressingly evident in our present world, I think we have to conclude that his success was limited, or at least impermanent.

What we might also conclude from *Middlemarch* is that,

unfortunately, there is no magic bullet for solving social ills, no electing the right person or the right party, no blinding bolt of economic good luck.

What makes a difference, Dorothea holds, is the cumulative and continuing work of concerned citizens to make the world a better place, "The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who live faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs."

I love George Eliot (aka Mary Anne Evans) but I think she's half wrong: the well-being of the world is wholly owing to those who live faithfully a hidden life.

It is the daily acts of being the best human being we wish others were that will deliver the life we want, individually and collectively.

Assigning our well-being to others won't work – never has, won't now. We must each do our part, whatever that may be, every day, for as long as we grace this earth.

As Dorothea found out, trying to make big change can be overwhelming. But it needn't be, as it wasn't for her, discouraging.

A whole bunch of Littles, strategically combined, constitute a Big. Even if our individual contributions aren't acknowledged, aren't etched on our tombstones, they still add up to a better world.

And, we who take action on everyday challenges have the peace, happiness and serenity of knowing we are living a full and vibrant and significant life.

You can read *Middlemarch*, which in my Penguin paperback edition is, yes, 900 pages of luscious Victorian prose. (Virginia Woolf famously described *Middlemarch* as 'one of the few English novels written for grown-up people.') Or you can read *My Life in Middlemarch* by Rebecca Mead, published 2014, which examines her modern life through the lens of Dorothea's world. Or you can treat yourself to an excellent 1994 BBC adaptation, screenplay by Andrew Davies, that runs 6 episodes on Britbox, Amazon Prime, or Netflix (not Canada). Drink deep; think hard.



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## Final eclipse

The last lunar eclipse took place in the early hours of the morning on Nov. 8. /Photo submitted by Guenter Horst

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### Colourful connections

Pat Campbell and Elli Welch of Minden were some of the first to arrive at "The Muse, Under the Thin Blue Line" exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Nov. 5. The show features works by featured artist Bob Tunnoch. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



"Da Boss" by Bob Tunnoch. This painting is a small example of the colour and details Tunnoch uses in his work to capture the interconnected relationships of nature.



"The Sopranos" by Bob Tunnoch. Tunnoch describes this piece as "three small frogs are displayed together surrounded by lichens and moss. I envisioned them singing at the same time, hence the title 'The Sopranos'."



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# Early literacy at the library

by CHRIS STEVENSON

*Haliburton County Public Library*

The staff at Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) are here to support life-long learning for all community members. However, this starts with our youngest patrons, as we create early literacy programs and services for families all year round. Long before participating in summer reading club, many children are introduced to the public library before the age of 3. Science tells us that between birth and this exciting age, the brain of a child is already developing millions of neural connections each second. An important foundation for learning is built at this time, and the library can play a role during this vital part of childhood.

Step into any public library in Ontario and you should expect to see a dedicated children's area. This may include child-sized furniture, a colourful rug or special chair for Storytime, and a great many picture books. We love to see people people picking out books and reading with children in our branches. Parents, grandparents, and other caregivers are often pleased to discover the selection of books we have for readers of all ages. But, we also encourage songs, play, and group reading initiatives here. The library of 2022 is a busy and sometimes noisy place, depending on when you may choose to visit. Regular Storytimes are a substantial part of the fun.

Storytime helps to foster early literacy skills because it provides parents and caregivers guidance on how they can read, sing, and play with their children. During Storytime, the librarian provides tips and models some best practices. This may be simple, such as a reminder that "books should be fun and accessible! Keep them around your house and in your child's toy box to help associate them with fun."

Singing and rhyming is an important part of the learning process. It develops awareness of sounds and new words, teaching phonics in a fun way before formal schooling begins. We sing at every Storytime! By 6 months, babies are already starting to recognize language in songs and rhymes. The natural rhythm of language becomes apparent, as singing helps us slow down words and sentences. This helps our little ones identify and build their vocabulary.

Reading together builds confidence and is the best way to help children become proficient readers. Did you know that children's books often contain three times more rare words than talking? Repetition and practice are fundamental to increasing those neural pathways and reading offers powerful development.



Constructive play is also a significant way that children can learn language and literacy from a young age. At HCPL we have 'blue blocks,' foam bones, and LEGO for the slightly older kids. These play tools give children an opportunity to make decisions and select shapes, sizes, and colours while communicating what they want to build with peers and adults. You'll often see library staff interacting with children to ask them what they're building. This subtle question-and-answering leads to an increase in the use of oral language, and the choosing of words which is an essential step of early literacy.

The HCPL website, at [www.haliburtonlibrary.ca/Programs-events](http://www.haliburtonlibrary.ca/Programs-events), offers a calendar

of events which can be filtered for different age groups. Here you'll find programs that engage your young learner, such as the "Let's Build: Blue Blocks & Bones" activity happening during November's school PD Day. There are also LEGO tables set up in some of our branches and if you don't see one available, you can ask us for a LEGO kit when you visit.

If you'd like help selecting an appropriate picture book for a particular learning level, you're always welcome to ask library staff for advice. New books and resources are added to our collection every month. We're thrilled to see kids and their families leaving with a healthy stack of books.

Sunny and Violet became friends at the Haliburton County Public Library Minden branch at Meet the Author Storytime in October. /Photo submitted

In addition to the many library offerings for young people, we regularly partner with local literacy organizations. These relationships help us expand literacy by bringing expertise to the library which benefits our community. For example, staff from the EarlyON Child & Family Centre regularly run programs within our library branches across the County. They also provide incredible book packs, which have reading materials and activities for young families. The library helps to distribute these free book packs at each of our branches. The newest ones will be available in early November, so please ask our staff about this.

This year we'll start offering bilingual Storytime, too. Our latest partnership with Canadian Parents for French Ontario will assist us in running French Storytimes once a month this fall. Join us on Dec. 3 at the Dysart branch. We'll host it again Jan. 14 and Feb. 11. In the meantime, we're also getting great support and recommendations on how we can build up our French collection throughout the HCPL library system.

A unique Storytime occurred in October where we welcomed a very special furry guest named 'Sunny.' This was a fun Meet the Author event, where we featured a book by local author Joanne George.

The public library is here to help support your family for early learning and literacy, and we hope you'll partake with the little people in your life. We recently added colourful new child-sized chairs to the children's reading area at the Dysart branch. And in our other branches you'll find beanbags and cozy tub chairs which can accommodate a big reader and a little reader together. We hope to see you at the library soon!

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# Those Other Movies breaks the ice of a new season

Those Other Movies is taking a slap shot into the net of a new season featuring Ice Breaker: The 1972 Summit Series.

Although the Canada versus Russia, then Soviet Union, 1972 Summit Series was 50 years ago, it tells an important story about looking past differences to play fairly together.

"We're always trying to look for real-life stories that we can relate. We like when we can show how people overcome obstacles, because that's also what Haliburton people do," said Tammy Rea, a coordinator of Those Other Movies.

The film series has been playing local and global films from the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion in Haliburton for the past 17 years, showing over 200 films and selling around 33,000 tickets.

They will be welcoming their audiences back on Thursday, Nov. 10 after a two-year hiatus to screen Ice Breaker at 4:15 p.m. and again at 7:15 p.m.

"We're very excited to get people back together," Rea said.

Those Other Movies said they are thrilled to welcome the man that the documentary follows, Gary Smith, to their screening of Ice Breaker.

Smith played a role in the 1972 series that took place during the Cold War, and the movie follows his experiences.

"This compelling film is unlike anything ever done on the subject, uniting cinematic, evocative landscapes, poetic narratives, and behind-the-scenes politics with a gripping sports story about the way the Canada vs. Russia matchup made a mark on the hockey world," read a Those Other Movies press release.

Rea remembers watching the Summit Series as a child in her elementary school gymnasium on a small television screen.

"It was unheard of that you would talk to Russia then, let alone play hockey with them," Rea said.

The film is based on Smith's book, Ice War Diplomat, and he will be signing copies at the screening.

Helen Parker, a Haliburton County-based filmmaker, will also be present at the screening to speak about the part she played in creating the documentary.

Tickets are \$10 at the door, but 2019 season passholders and children who attend wearing a hockey jersey will be able to attend for free.

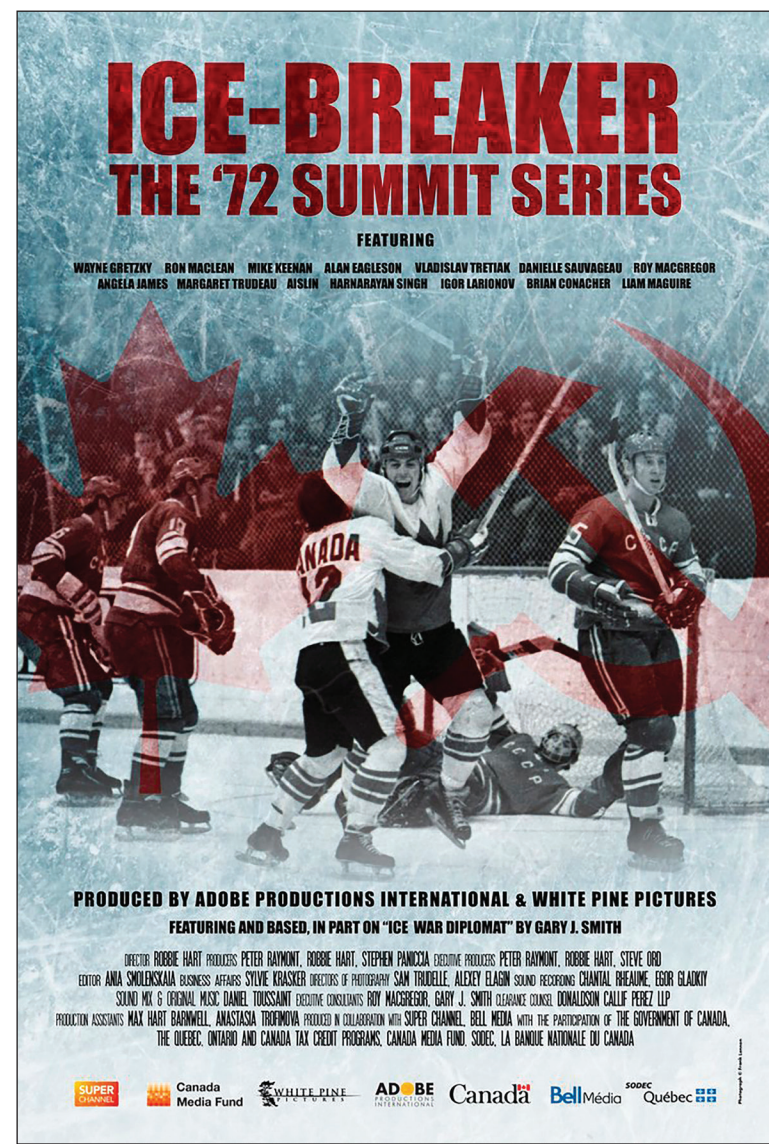
Those Other Movies will be screening films at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion every other month until spring.

The next film, Phantom of the Open, is about a man who participated in the British Open Golf Championship and will be shown in January.

"It's very fun. We've got lots of things that we're looking forward to for the rest of the season," Rea said.

It is advised that since the movie is a documentary, it would be best suited for children ages 10 and over.

**Those Other Movies is returning on Thursday, Nov. 10 to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion with a documentary about a Canadians role at the Canada versus Russia 1972 Summit Series.**  
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HHSS runners finish strong at OFSAA

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*Answers on page 18*

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HHSS Red Hawk Violet Humphries, left, came 54th out of close to 250 people in novice girls.



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U15 Highland Storm player makes a pass to his teammate while fighting off his Orono Leafs opponen.



### Storming the highlands

The Highland Storm U15 team won their game 3-1 against the Orono Leafs on Friday, Nov. 4 at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Goals were scored by Deagan Davison, Austin Latanville, and Josh Scheffee. Before the game, the Highland Storm executive recognized their scorekeeper, Eric Nicholls, for his 40 years of dedication to the team. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



A Highland Storm player receives the puck from his teammate during their game against the Orono Leafs. Highland Storm won the game 3-1.



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Moose Trail at Frost Centre to reopen

Lembit Lellep, brother of late Anu Lellep, and Wally Ozog, long-time partner of Anu, install a plaque in a warming hut at the Moose cross-country ski trail at the Leslie Frost Centre. The family of Anu made a donation of more than \$7,200 to the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Anu was a dedicated supporter and volunteer at the Frost Centre Ski Trails, and money donated in her memory is being used to reopen the Moose Trail. /Photo submitted



A warming hut on the Moose Trail at the Leslie Frost Centre was built and dedicated to the memory of Anu Lellep from a donation made by her family. /Photo submitted

Every child and youth deserves permanency and lifelong connections

Every child and youth deserves permanency and life-long connections  
Adoption Awareness Month takes place in November and is an opportunity for children’s aid societies to raise awareness about the role that everyone can play in helping young people achieve permanency through adoption. Every child needs permanency and lifelong connections.  
Every child deserves to be with their family of origin. Children living with their own families, in their own cul-

ture and in their home communities is a priority. However, for some children and youth, living with their kin is not always possible. When it is not, the child deserves a family that is a good fit for them.  
Adoption is one of several permanency options that children’s aid societies consider when looking for life-long connections for children in care. Kinship, customary care, legal custody, and adoption are all options that are considered.  
The right match for children and youth requires finding adoptive parents who share the diverse cultural and religious backgrounds of our children and youth. We are also committed to finding families that have the strengths and skills to support children who may have siblings, complex needs, or open adoption relationships with their family of origin. It continues to be challenging to find families who are ready and able to meet the needs of older children, large sibling groups, or those with complex medical, developmental, and behavioral needs. The search for the right match for a child can take time.  
“Strengthening the public adoption system means connecting more families and children and providing equitable supports to families when they need it,” says Karen Kartusch, manager of the Regional Adoption Program for Highland Shores Children’s Aid, Kawartha-Halibur-

ton CAS and Durham CAS.  
The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) continues to prioritize the government’s strategy to redesign the child welfare system by focusing on the needs of children and youth and by creating solid foundations to support strong families. The development of lifelong connections and supports for children and youth through stable, permanent homes wherever possible in family-based placements is paramount.  
The child welfare redesign is underway, bringing new standards to adoption services across the province. Earlier this year, the Adoption Council of Ontario launched a Central Adoption Intake Service, providing more clarity about available children and the process for families considering adoption.  
“The benefits of maintaining lasting family connections are numerous and all young people, including those in care, deserve those benefits,” says Kartusch. “These changes offer a more consistent and responsive adoption experience for children, youth and families.”  
The number of children and youth in society care and available to be adopted has steadily decreased over the last five years because the primary goal of children’s aid societies is focused on supporting children to live safely in their own homes.  
“Our goal is to find the right families for children and youth, and connect them as quickly as possible. This is a good news story for our children and youth,” says Kartusch. “Fewer children are coming into our care in the first place, and for those who cannot return home to their family of origin, we are able to find permanent life-long connections out of foster care for these children and youth to flourish.”  
If you are interested in learning if adoption is right for you, please visit the Central Adoption Intake Service via the Adoption Council of Ontario website, [www.adoption.on.ca](http://www.adoption.on.ca).



**Inaugural & Regular Meeting Schedule**

Notice is hereby provided that the Inaugural Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at the Township Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Council will hold a Regular Meeting on November 17th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meetings of Council are reduced to one meeting per month for December and January and will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, December 8, 2022  
Thursday January 19, 2023

**Please Note:** Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, public participation in meetings of Council, remains virtual at this time. Members of the Public are invited to observe the Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link which can be found on the published Council Meeting Agenda on the Township’s website at [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca)

Dated this 9th day of November 2022.

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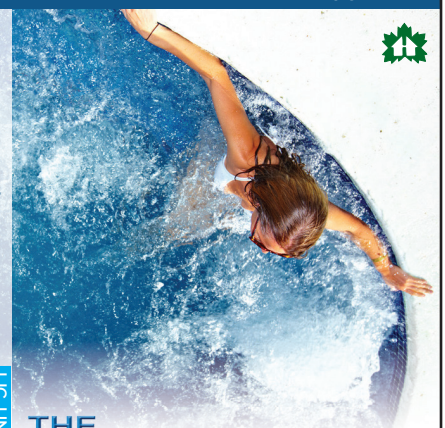
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## 400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



### ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR OF CARE, HYLAND CREST, MINDEN, ONTARIO

The Administrator/Director of Care is responsible for the managerial and clinical oversight of the LTC Home providing leadership, direction and technical support to departmental staff consistent with HHHS values, policies, and procedures and legislative requirements. Ensures employee compliance with adherence to standards of quality, infection control, occupational health, professional practice and emergency procedures in support of the provision of high-quality, safe and efficient resident care. As a member of the management team, communicates the organizational vision, strategic goals and objectives and participates in the establishment of annual operating plans. Manages the human, fiscal and capital needs within allocated resources. Completes departmental schedules in compliance with applicable collective agreements and monitors workflow. Ensures all health and safety measures required by applicable legislation are followed and all reasonable precautions are taken to protect the health and safety of our workers and residents. Responsible for intervening when issues are brought forth as well as identifying, managing and reporting any concerns or issues. Liaises with unions, families, residents, volunteers and other internal and external partners as required.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- BScN degree and current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Minimum of 3 years' experience working in a managerial capacity in a Health Care setting, preferably Long-Term Care (LTC)
- LTC Administrator and DOC course or completion within one year
- A minimum of 5 years' experience working as an RN in a LTC environment
- Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of and demonstrated ability in analysis, measurement and evaluative methods, facilitation and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated experience with the promotion and implementation of clinical best practices
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work with administration, the management team, the Board of Directors, charge nurses, staff, physicians and community stakeholders
- Knowledge of the legislation, guidelines and regulations of the Long Term Care Act(s)
- Demonstrated commitment to continuing education

Wages are commensurate with experience and education.

#### To Apply:

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### Full Time Assistant Directors of Care and Infection Control Program Lead Minden and Haliburton Ontario

#### Organization Background:

At Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) we strive to be leaders in innovative rural health care, working closely with local and regional partners to promote wellness and provide access to essential services. HHHS manages two Long-Term Care facilities – Hyland Crest in Minden (62 bed home) and Highland Wood in Haliburton (30 bed home) – that provide high-quality care for those no longer able to live at home. We are pleased to share that we have two new ADOC/IPAC Lead roles in our Homes. Wages are commensurate with experience and education.

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The Associate Director of Care and Infection Control Program Lead (ADOC/IPAC Lead) reports directly to the Administrator/Directors of Care and are responsible for providing program management and leadership to the infection prevention and control (IPAC) program (practices and protocols) to ensure regulatory compliance and implementation of clinical and non-clinical care standards and best practices in accordance with the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 and ON Regulation 246/22.a. This position also provides both clinical and administrative support to the team and is responsible for coordinating risk management and quality improvement activities by fostering a culture of continuous quality improvement with a focus and emphasis on residents, and safety. The incumbent provides leadership and support for quality and risk-related initiative within HHHS.

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- A minimum of 1 years' experience involved in infection prevention education or project work
- Experience performing activities that are client centered, while incorporating Quality Improvement Principles
- Current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario and proof of annual CPR Certification
- Knowledge of and demonstrated ability in analysis, measurement and evaluative methods, facilitation and presentation skills
- Demonstrated experience with best practice guidelines
- Demonstrated experience with the promotion and implementation of clinical best practices
- Knowledge of the legislation, guidelines and regulations as they relate to the position and responsibilities of the Long Term Care Sector.
- Knowledge of, and demonstrated ability in corporate core competencies including customer service, communication, team work, initiative/self-management, accountability, flexibility and adaptability.
- Ability to deal cooperatively and effectively with all levels of staff, unions/employee/client groups and ability to foster cooperative/collaborative working relationships.
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### New old friends

Don Sisson and Don Sampson discover how their lives are connected by a World War II friendship.

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### Easier access for firefighters

Bombardier has loaned an ATV to the Minden fire department.

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### In Quotes

"We were going overseas and going to see the world. Then reality set in."

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Darren Lum/TIMES

### Hawk in flight

Junior HHSS player Kevin Crofts gets flipped as he attempts to leap over an Adam Scott defender late in the fourth quarter in playoff action last week at home. Three single-season team records were broken in the game. The Red Hawks lost 15-1. See story inside.

## Liberals offer 'a new face, new ideas'

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Times staff

With a slogan of "A New Face. New Ideas. A Brighter and Better Future", Jason Ward is ready to take on Chris Hodgson in the next provincial election.

Nominations for who will become the Liberal's next provincial candidate are closed and Ward, a 31-year-old lawyer who grew up in Lindsay, will be acclaimed at the nomination meeting in Lindsay on Nov. 21.

"I don't feel that Chris Hodgson and his party are governing the riding responsibly," he said in a recent interview. "[The Conservative Party] generally is not par-

ticularly interested in the concerns of the people in this riding."

Ward says that because of Hodgson, "there's a disconnect" between people and the government. "We should have grown in the last eight years but we're getting worse."

Asked whether Hodgson has represented the north of the riding well, Ward says, "I have mixed views on that. Some people have been upset with the Tories and Mr. Hodgson is the voice of the Tories. I realize he's native of Haliburton and it will take a lot of work [to unseat him in Haliburton County.] But we're putting together a team of new faces - new faces, new ideas, bet-

ter future..."

"I plan on an aggressive campaign in Haliburton and Minden as a starting point. This area is crucial to the riding and my campaign. I plan on making my face known and my ideas known so people know there's an alternative to Chris Hodgson and the Tories' corporate agenda. I'm recruiting people in Haliburton to join my campaign team. We'll be holding meetings and debates. I'll invite Chris Hodgson to come [to debates in the south of the riding] and I may do so in Haliburton, too. I'm not a candidate who will ignore the northern part of the riding. It is as important as

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## Upgrade to water system pays off

by SHERYL LOUCKS  
Times staff

The costs associated with a proposed Safe Drinking Water Act have already been paid, says Ross Rigney, Minden Hills reeve.

"We've already made most of the adjustments it would require over the last 18 months. We anticipated changes and installed upgrades. I don't expect there to be any significant additional costs if the act is passed unless they change the regulations," says Rigney.

Sometimes, he says, the act is one thing and the regulations something else entirely but he is not really anticipating that with this legislation because so many of the water quality regulations have already changed since the Walkerton tragedy.

"My feeling is we're meeting the (water) testing requirements. We just had a Ministry of the Environment inspection and we were in good shape with minimal adjustments needed," says Rigney.

He says one of the largest ticket items under the new regulations has been a system to add chlorine to the water supply. It cost approximately \$45,000 but that has already been installed and paid for.

Rigney says he is waiting for the next piece of legislation which is expected to give municipalities the power to put in place cost-recovery systems for the expense of water and sewage pipes replacement, installation, operation and maintenance.

Don Booth, a sewage and waste treatment plant operator, says in the 16 years he has been working in the field there have been an enormous number of changes.

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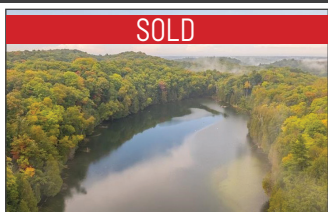
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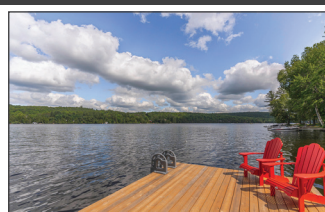
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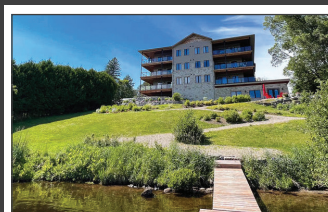
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